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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/063,097	Applicant(s) CULLER ET AL.	
	Examiner Rajnikant B Patel	Art Unit 2838	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-19, 21-24, 27, 28, 31-34 and 38-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-19, 21-24, 27, 28 and 31-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 29 December 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argument regarding any disclosure of a “combined sensor shell for housing current and voltage sensors or a configuration plug for configuring voltage sensors in either a wye or a delta configuration. Examiner like to point out the cited reference (Engel et al.) clearly discloses in figure 1 that current and voltage sensors are part of the circuit breaker the are mounted in same plastic housing of breaker. Further the independent claims 1 and 13 do not claim the wye and delta configuration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1-9,13-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Engel et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,600,527).

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Engel et al. discloses claimed invention a combine current and voltage sensor (figure 1) for sensing current and voltage in a first load strap of a circuit breaker (figure 1, item 25A-25C), the combined current and voltage sensor (figure 1, item 7A, 7B, 7C) comprising: a combined sensor shell (figure 1, item 11); a current sensor located in the combine sensor shell, the current sensor disposed proximate to the first load strap; a first load strap; a first voltage sensor located in the combine sensor shell, the first voltage sensor disposed proximate to the first load strap.

In regards to claims 2-9 and 14-21, Engel et al. also discloses claimed limitation such as "second and third voltage sensors, the configuration plug, a neutral line, an electronic trip unit, and a transformer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsko (U.S. Patent # 5,936,817) in combination with Peterson et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,420,799). Matsko et al. disclose the claimed invention (figure 2), including voltage sensor, current sensors, transformers, and neutral. However Matsko et al. does not disclose the utilization of the technique for a voltage divider. Peterson et al. teaches the utilization of the similar technique for a voltage divider (figure 14A). It would have been obvious to one having an ordinary skill in the art at the time the

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invention was made to modify Matsko et al.'s circuit breaker by utilizing the technique taught by Peterson et al. for the purpose of reducing energy consumption.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

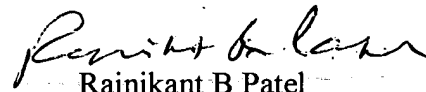
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rajnikant B Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-2082. The examiner can normally be reached on 6.30-5.00; m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on 703-308-1680. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-2084.

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Primary Examiner
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